

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1650 without my signature.

While I support reforms to streamline funding for K-12 professional development categorical programs, I am concerned that this bill does not include adequate protections to ensure that professional development for teachers is aligned to the state-adopted content standards. In addition, the bill does not contain adequate fiscal safeguards to ensure that the State's funding liability is capped at the levels provided in the annual budget act. Finally, I am concerned that some of the activities the bill requires school districts to perform could be deemed reimbursable state mandates.

I am willing to work with the Legislature in the next legislative session to develop a bill that accomplishes the desired reforms and also addresses my concerns.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger